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STEPHANIE KOLOKITHAS GEORGOPANOS

LOWE'S HOME CENTERS, LLC

(b) COUNTY OF RESIDENCES OF FIRST LISTED PLAINTIFF PA (EXCEPT IN U.S. PLAINTIFF CASES)

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Citizen or Subject of a **Foreign Country**

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Brief description of cause: Premises Liability - 28 U.S.C. §1332(A)(1) & 28 U.S.C. §1441(A)

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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA

CASE MANAGEMENT TRACK DESIGNATION FORM

STEPHANIE KOLOKITHAS GEORGOPANOS		CIVIL ACTION
VS.		
LOWE'S HOME CENTERS, LLC	,	NO.

In accordance with the Civil Justice Expense and Delay Reduction Plan of this court, counsel for plaintiff shall complete a case Management Track Designation Form in all civil cases at the time of filing the complaint and serve a copy on all defendants. (See 1:03 of the plan set forth on the reverse side of this form.) In the event that a defendant does not agree with the plaintiff regarding said designation, that defendant shall, with its first appearance, submit to the clerk of court and serve on the plaintiff and all other parties, a case management track designation form specifying the track to which that defendant believes the case should be assigned.

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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA

STEPHANIE KOLOKITHAS GEORGOPANOS CIVIL ACTION

NO.

VS.

LOWE'S HOME CENTERS, LLC

PETITION FOR REMOVAL

TO: THE HONORABLE JUDGES OF THE DISTRICT COURT FOR EASTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA

As removing party Defendant, LOWE'S HOME CENTERS, LLC, files this Notice of Removal of the above-captioned matter from the Court of Common Pleas, Philadelphia County, the Court in which it is now pending to the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania. In support thereof, Defendant avers as follows:

- 1. This action was commenced by way of Complaint filed in the Court of Common Pleas, Philadelphia County on or about February 2, 2016, and docketed as No. 160200350. (A true and correct copy of Plaintiff's Complaint is attached hereto and marked as Exhibit "A").
- 2. By Stipulation filed on 2/26/2016, the name of the Defendant, Lowe's Home Centers, Inc. was removed from the caption and Complaint and replaced with "Lowe's Home Centers, LLC." (A true and correct copy of said Stipulation is attached hereto and marked as Exhibit "B").

- 3. This notice is timely, having been filed within thirty (30) days of Plaintiff having filed the Complaint.
- 4. Defendant was serve with the Complaint on February 4, 2016. (A true and correct copy of the Affidavit of Service is attached hereto and marked as Exhibit "C").
- 5. At the time this action was commenced and continuing to the present, Defendant, LOWE'S HOME CENTERS, LLC, is a limited liability company organized under the laws of the State of North Carolina, having its principal place of business in North Carolina, and operating stores in Pennsylvania.
- 6. Based upon the allegations in the Complaint, at the time this action was commenced and continuing to the present, Plaintiff, Stephanie Kolokithas Georgopanos, is a citizen of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.
- 7. Moving Defendant believes and therefore avers that the amount in controversy, based upon the allegations in the Complaint, will exceed the jurisdictional amounts required for jurisdiction to exist in District Court, exclusive of interest and costs.
- 8. This action is removable from State Court to this Court based upon diversity of citizenship pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §1332(a)(1) and 28 U.S.C. §1441(a).
 - 9. This Court has full and exclusive jurisdiction over this.

WHEREFORE, moving Defendant, LOWE'S HOME CENTERS, LLC, respectfully requests that the above-captioned action be removed from the Court of Common Pleas, Philadelphia County to the District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania.

Respectfully submitted,

MINTZER, SAROWITZ, ZERIS, LEDVA & MEYERS

BY:

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, JENNIFER M. HERRMANN, ESQUIRE, do hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the within **PETITION FOR REMOVAL** was forwarded by First Class Mail, postage pre-paid on the 4th day of March, 2016 as follows:

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LOWE'S HOME CENTERS, INC.

Defendants.

NOTICE TO DEFEND

NOTICE

You have been sued in court. If you wish to defend against the claims set forth in the following pages, you must take action within twenty (20) days after this complaint and notice are served, by entering a written appearance personally or by attorney and illing in writing with the court your defenses or objections to the claims set forth against you. You are warned that if you fall to do so the case may proceed without you and a judgment may be entered against you by the court without further notice for any money claimed in the complaint of for any other claim or relief requested by the plaintiff. You may lose money or property or other rights important to you.

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IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF PHILADELPHIA COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

STEPHANIE KOLOKITHAS GEORGOPANOS 1427 Knox Road

Wynnewood, PA 19096

V.

Plaintiff,

CASE NO.

LOWE'S HOME CENTERS, LLC 2106 South Columbus Boulevard

Philadelphia, PA 19148

and

LOWE'S HOME CENTERS, INC.
Highway 268 East - East Dock
North Wilkesboro, NC 28659,

Defendants.

CIVIL ACTION AT LAW

CIVIL ACTION COMPLAINT

PREMISES LIABILITY

- I. Plaintiff, Stephanie Kolokithas Georgopanos, (hereinafter referred to as "Plaintiff") is an adult individual and citizen of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, currently residing at 1427 Knox Road, Wynnewood, Pennsylvania 19096.
- 2. Defendant, Lowe's Home Centers, LLC, (hereinafter referred to as "Defendant Lowe's LLC"), upon information and reasonable belief, is a corporation organized and existing under the laws of a state other than the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania which regularly and

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continuously conducts business in the City of Philadelphia, County of Philadelphia and Commonwealth of Pennsylvania with an address for service of process at 2106 South Columbus Boulevard, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19148.

- 3. Defendant, Lowe's Home Centers, INC., (hereinafter referred to as "Defendant Lowe's INC."), upon information and reasonable belief, is a corporation organized and existing under the laws of a state other than the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania which regularly and continuously conducts business in the City of Philadelphia, County of Philadelphia and Commonwealth of Pennsylvania with an address for service of process at 2106 South Columbus Boulevard, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19148.
- 4. At all times material hereto, Defendant Lowe's LLC operated, maintained, and/or controlled a home improvement store identified as Lowe's Home improvement Center located at 1250 Cornerstone Boulevard, Downingtown, Pennsylvania 19018 and exercised exclusive possession, supervision and/or control over the interior and exterior of said premises, including, but not limited to, the outside parking lot, sidewalk, walkway, and/or entranceway for use by store patrons.
- 5. At all times material hereto, Defendant Lowe's INC, owned and possessed the real estate where the Lowe's Home Improvement Center was located at 1250 Cornerstone Boulevard, Downingtown, Pennsylvania 19018 and was acting and/or failed to act by and through its agents, servants, work persons, and/or employees, within the course and scope of their employment and/or agency.
- 6. At all times material hereto, Defendants were acting and/or failed to act by and through their agents, servants, work persons, and/or employees, within the course and scope of their employment and/or agency.

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- 7. At all times material hereto, Defendants had a duty and/or responsibility to maintain, operate and/or control the aforesaid premises and perform their statutory and common law duties in a proper and safe condition so as not to constitute a menace, danger, nuisance, snare and/or trap for business invitees such as Plaintiff who were lawfully and properly upon said premises.
- 8. On or about February 21, 2014, Plaintiff was a customer who was lawfully and properly upon Defendants' premises when she was caused to slip and fall by reason of a dangerous and hazardous condition in the form of snow and ice on the parking lot surface and its adjoining areas that caused her to sustain serious and permanent personal injuries, the extent of which will be outlined further herein.
- 9. On the date and time as aforesaid, Defendants, by and through their agents, servants, work persons, and/or employees permitted said premises to be and remain in said dangerous condition, of which Defendants knew and/or should have known existed at the time of said accident.
- 10. The carelessness and negligence of Defendants consisted, inter alia, of the following:
 - (a) failing to properly and adequately maintain the property where Plaintiff was caused to suffer injuries;
 - (b) causing and/or permitting to exist on the premises a defective and hazardous condition;
 - (c) failing to properly and adequately maintain the property so as to prevent the hazardous and dangerous condition in, on, and about said premises;
 - failing to warn persons lawfully on the premises of said dangerous and hazardous condition;
 - (e) causing and/or permitting a dangerous and hazardous condition to exist which Defendants knew and/or should have known created an unreasonable risk of

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harm to Plaintiff and others:

- (f) failing to warn invitees of the dangerous and hazardous condition in and on the said premises;
- (g) causing, allowing, and permitting to exist the dangerous and hazardous condition so as to constitute a menace, danger, nuisance, and/or trap to invitees such as Plaintiff;
- (h) failing to properly and adequately maintain the parking lot and adjoining areas so that they are safe for business invitees such as Plaintiff;
- failing to clear the parking lot and its adjoining areas of snow and ice that it knew and/or should have known would constitute a danger to business invitees such as Plaintiff;
- permitting and/or failing to prevent business invitees from using said premises which contained the said dangerous and hazardous condition;
- (k) failing to properly inspect the premises for dangerous and hazardous conditions;
- (l) otherwise failing to exercise due care and failing to protect the rights and safety of Plaintiff;
- (m) creating and permitting to exist a foreseeable risk of harm to business invitees such as Plaintiff;
- (n) failing to make said premises reasonably safe;
- (o) failing to properly perform their statutory and common law duties; and
- (p) other violations of the laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and the ordinances of the local municipality.
- Due to all of the foregoing, Plaintiff suffered severe and disabling injuries to her back, buttocks, legs and body; skin, muscles, tendons, ligaments, nerves, and tissues of her back, buttocks, legs and body; including, but not limited to, herniated humbar disc with myelopathy, S1 radiculopathy on the left, S1 myeloradiculopathy, bilateral mid back pain, intervertebral disc disorder with myelopathy requiring L5-S1 microdiskectomy, degenerative disc disease at L5-S1

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- 12. As a result of the aforesaid occurrence, Plaintiff has been compelled in order to effectuate a cure for the aforesaid injuries, to expend large sums of money for medicine and medical attention and may be required to do so for an indefinite period of time in the future, all to her great detriment and loss.
- 13. As a direct and proximate result of the carelessness and negligence of Defendants as described in the foregoing paragraphs, Plaintiff has been disabled in the past and may continue to be disabled in the future from performing her usual duties, occupations, and avocations with a consequent loss of earnings, earning power and earning potential, all to her great personal and financial detriment and loss.
- 14. Due to all the foregoing, Plaintiff has suffered physical pain, mental anguish and humiliation, disfigurement and scarring, and loss of life's pleasures and may continue to suffer same for an indefinite period of time in the future.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff, Stephanie Kolokithas Georgopanos, demands damages of Defendants, in a sum in excess of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00), together with the costs and disbursements of this action and delay damages.

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BY:

Keith J. Collen, Esquire Attorney for Plaintiff, Stephanic Kolokithas Georgopanos

Date: January 30, 2015

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VERIFICATION

I, Stephanie Kolokithas Georgopanos, Plaintiff in the above captioned matter, verify that the facts alleged in Plaintiff's Civil Action Complaint are true and correct to the best of my knowledge, information and belief. The undersigned understands that false statements made herein are subject to the penalties of 18 PA.C.S. Section 4904 relating to unsworn falsification to authorities.

Stephanie Kolokithas Georgopanos

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STEPHANIE KOLOKITHAS GEORGOPANOS COURT OF COMMON PLEAS PHILADELPHIA COUNTY

VS.

NO. 160200350

LOWE'S HOME CENTERS, LLC AND LOWE'S HOME CENTERS, INC.

STIPULATION

It is hereby stipulated by and between counsel that the defendant has been improperly identified in the Complaint and caption. Therefore, the name of the defendant "LOWE'S HOME CENTERS, INC." is removed from the caption and Complaint and replaced with "LOWE'S HOME CENTERS, LLC".

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Attorney for Defendant, LOWE'S HOME

CENTERS, LLC (i/d/a LOWE'S HOME

CENTERS, INC.)

BY THE COURT:

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Philadelphia County Court

February Term No. 16400330

VS.

LOWES HOME CENTERS, LLC, et al

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA COUNTY OF MONTGOMERY

I. Brian Sweet hereby depose and state that on February 04, 2016 at 11:50 am, I hand delivered the following documents regarding the above captioned matter upon the defendant identified as LOWE'S HOME CENTERS, LLC

- Civil Action Complaint

Service of these documents was made upon Lowe's Home Centers, LLC at the address of 2106 South Columbus Boulevard Philadelphia, PA 19148. The documents were accepted by an employee identified as Maggie, Customer Service Supervisor. Maggie was made aware that these documents were civil court documents regarding the above captioned matter.

Being duly sworn according to law, deposes and states that he is a licensed Investigator in The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, (License# MD-2102-2007); and that the facts herein set forth above are true and correct.

Law Office:

Keith J. Cohen, Esquire Office Court at Blue Bell 585 Skippack Pike, Suite 200 Keith J. Cohen, Esquire ID# 43561 (267) 708-7701

Sworn and Subscribed before me on this day February 4, 2016

COMMONWEALTH OF PROPSYLVANIA

Notarial Seal Jane M. Lafferty, Notary Public Lower Salford Twp., Montgomery County My Commission Expires Dec. 12, 2017 MEMBER, PEHILSYLVANIA ASSOCIATION OF HOTARIS

